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## CNO Excited About FORCEnet at West 2004



*Admiral Vern Clark, CNO, urges Military and Industry attendees to "start changing" and implementing the FORCEnet concept during a question / answer session at WEST 2004.*

Adm. Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, emphasized the importance of FORCEnet and requested industry assistance at West 2004, the year's largest event on the West Coast for communications, electronics, intelligence, information systems, imaging, military weapon systems, aviation, shipbuilding and more.

Praising the conference's theme, "Born Joint," the CNO discussed the significance of providing interoperability that can be used throughout the armed services and with United States' allies and coalition partners. According to the CNO, the concept that is necessary to deliver joint capability is FORCEnet – an operating philosophy that provides the

warfighter greater information integration than has been seen before.

"Never again will any (capability) be produced without going through the FORCEnet filter," Adm. Clark said, later adding the importance of working with industry.

"Industry must be a full-partner in creating the military of the future...and I came here to ask for that help," Adm. Clark said.

According to Adm. Clark, modernization is creating an opportunity to transform, and the Navy is looking for industry's recommendations on how to improve efficiencies by working with other services that might be developing similar concepts.

"I am open to mergers and seeking them out, so if a company sees them, then they will have an open channel to the CNO," he said, "Industry must help make communication paths that will revolutionize the whole approach to warfare."

The CNO's message was delivered during a WEST 2004 luncheon, co-sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications



*As FORCEnet's Chief Engineer, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) drew West 2004 conference participants to its corporate exhibit to find out more about the FORCEnet concept.*



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and Electronics Association's (AFCEA) International Chapter and the U.S. Naval Institute, on Feb. 4. WEST 2004 is the largest technical interchange on the West Coast and is held annually at the San Diego Convention Center.

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